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Kingston Fast Ferry service begins November 26

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The Kingston Fast Ferry, Finest, performs maneuvers.

Photo: Kitsap Transit

BREMERTON, Wash. – Kitsap Transit will launch fast-ferry service on the Kingston-Seattle route on Monday, November 26, along with expanded bus services to reduce potential traffic congestion at Kingston Ferry Terminal.

At today's "Launch Preview," Kitsap Transit Executive Director John Clauson presented the final details of the new services to about 600 people over the course of four sessions. The new services are:

- Direct passenger-only ferry connection between Kingston and downtown Seattle with a crossing time of about 39 minutes. The route will be served by Finest, and a leased back-up vessel, Melissa Ann. (Fact sheet on vessels available upon request.)
- Two express bus routes to Kingston Ferry Terminal with pick-ups at Park & Ride lots.
- Kingston Ride Commuter, a dial-a-ride service for areas not served by routed buses, will transport passengers to Kingston Ferry Terminal.

Complete details will be posted on Kitsap Transit’s website, kitsaptransit.com, on Monday.

The agency also held its first public screening of “Finest: A Ferry Reborn,” an eight-minute documentary produced by Kitsap Transit. The film is narrated by Jennifer Cook, Kitsap Transit’s project manager on Finest’s refurbishment. The documentary will be posted online next week.

To celebrate the launch of the new services, Kitsap Transit is sponsoring two launch events:

- **November 19 Grand Opening:**
Gov. Jay Inslee and U.S. Rep. Derek Kilmer will preside as Kitsap Transit celebrates the inauguration of the new fast-ferry service. The event is free and open to the public. There will be an inaugural sailing for dignitaries, followed by a sailing for the general public. Kitsap Transit will take the ferry out onto Puget Sound and return to the Kingston dock.
- **November 23 “Finest Friday”:**
To give the public a taste of the new service, Kitsap Transit will offer special sailings all day and fast-ferry express bus services. Kitsap Transit will not collect fares for these services on this day.

Kitsap Transit Fast Ferry: Kingston/Seattle Winter Schedule

Leave Kingston	Arrive Seattle	Leave Seattle	Arrive Kingston
AM 5:25	AM 6:04	AM 6:15	AM 6:54
7:05	7:44	7:55	8:34
8:45	9:24	9:35	10:14
PM 2:35	PM 3:14	PM 3:25	PM 4:04
4:15	4:54	5:05	5:44
5:55	6:34	6:45	7:24

Photos and b-roll available upon request.

About Kitsap Transit

Kitsap Transit has been operating friendly, convenient public transit since 1983. The transit agency for Kitsap County carried more than 3.59 million riders in 2017 across a multi-modal system of routed buses, passenger ferries, paratransit shuttles, vanpools, and worker/driver buses for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

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